

In The District Court For The
Middle District of Alabama

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Jarvis Palmore and the
 Inmates of the Dothan
 City Jail et.

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 Civil Action No.

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The City of Dothan,
 John Powell Chief of Police,
 Mammie Grubbs Warden,
 Sgt Banks, Sgt Tisdale,
 Officer Hess, Officer Thomas,
 Officer Beatty, Officer Beck,

Civil Action Lawsuit
 5/28/06

1983 Civil action Complaint

Comes now the plaintiffs in the above style cause
 and ask this honorable Court to resolve these issues
 so that equal protection of the law will prevail
jurisdiction

These inmates are housed in the Dothan City Jail in the
 Houston County, of Alabama. Which falls under the
 jurisdiction of the District Court for the Middle District
 of Alabama, Southern Division. Thus giving this honorable
 Court jurisdiction to entertain this Complaint.

Issue I

Inmates that are arrested and placed in the Dothan City Jail are being subjected to cruel and unusual punishment, a violation of the U.S. Constitution and the Alabama Constitution. Once a person has been arrested and taken to the Dothan City Jail and cannot make bond for whatever reason they are made to sleep on iron beds without mattresses. The mattresses are taken at 4:30 A.M. and are not given back until 9:00 P.M. Sunday - Thursday and at 11: P.M. on Friday and Saturday. This is an outrage! A person is considered innocent until proven guilty. A lot of these people are tax paying citizens that get traffic tickets and don't have the extra money to pay the fines and have to set the fines out.

These people are made to give up their mats everyday 7 days a week, not to mention that a lot of these cases are resolved in favor of the citizen and they are still misdemeanors. Felonies held at the County don't have their mattresses taken; Murders, Rapists, and Robbers that are on death row are allowed to keep their mattresses. We understand that the Chief of Police who initiated this measure is trying to deter crime, But so was people a 400 years ago when they was burning people at the stake for Practicing witchcraft, you cannot uphold the law by breaking the law.

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Issue II

Inmates at the Dothan City jail are being subjected to violations of their constitutional rights to Due-Process of the fourteenth amendment. Inmates are being arrested for offenses that we have already paid for or did the time for. What is happening is that once you have been sentenced and you pay your fine or sit out the time for it the Magistrate officer is not taking your name out of the computer, whatever system that they are using is not working. Hundreds of people are being arrested on offenses that have already been taken care of either by paying or by doing the time. One problem is that once you have been released from the City jail you are not given release papers saying that you have completed that sentence. You are released with nothing for your personnel records. People are picked up 5 + 6 years later for offense that they have already completed. —

They ask you for proof that you've paid your fines who keeps receipt for that long and if so how long should you have to keep them (forever!) and for those that set it out they didn't receive any proof of completion what should they do. This constitutes a violation of our Due-Process in that once we have completed a sentence we are supposed to receive papers of completion or release and this is not happening and when we are picked up we have no proof.

Issue III

We the inmates of the Dothan City Jail are not being feed a nutritious well balance meal, we receive a vegetable maybe three times a week if we are lucky, no fruits, applesauce maybe twice a week. The warden and her Sgts. are not checking the food that comes from the Houston County jail to make sure that we are receiving a proper nutritious well balance meal. We have grieved on this to no avail. Federal guidelines are not being met.

Issue IV

There are certain officers at the Dothan City jail that are abusing their right to possess a Tazer Gun.

The two Sgts. and the four officers that are named in this complaint are always threatening the use of the tazer gun against some inmate for no worthy reason.

The tazer gun was issued for the protection of the officer against aggressive inmate or inmates that are verbally abusive using profanity. These officers use the taze as an instrument for intimidation, they threaten to shoot inmates for just about anything. Evidently, these officers have been told by their superiors that it's ok to do what ever they feel is necessary regardless if it's in compliance with law or not.

Affidavit of Hardship

I Jarris Palmore, am an inmate at the Dothan City jail, I'm indigent and don't have any money, no bank account, or real property or others securities and ask this honorable court to waive the filing fee. and allow me to file this complaint without paying filing fees.

5-28-06
Date

Jarris Palmore
Pro Se

Penalty of Perjury

I David Lister hereby swear under the penalty of Perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct and that any false information would subject me to prosecution under the penalty of Perjury.

5-28-06

Date

Jarris Palmore
Pro-Se

Witnesses

We the inmates of the Dothan City jail have knowledge of the issues stated within and we are willing to testify in open court.

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